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THE Vniverſall Medicine: OR THE VERTVES OF THE *Antimoniall Cup.*

Collected out of the Experiments, and Obſervations of the moſt famous, learned, and beſt approved Philoſophers, and Phyſicians, that have written of that Subject.

By *Iohn Evans* Miniſter, and Preacher of Gods Word.

Joſ. Quer. cap. 31. pag. 386.

In hoc unico Antimonio videndam exhibebimus Vniverſalem Medicinam, Medicinarum Medicinam, & admirandorum aut miraculorum ipſum miraculum, ſeu mirabile mirabilium.

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To the Reader.

WHat the Lord hath ſanctified, and communicated for the health and profit of many, ought not to be concealed for the Envie & diſpleaſure of a few: Gods candle muſt not be put under a buſhell, neither muſt his Talent be wrapped up, and buried in the ground: his endowments are communicative, and everie reall Chriſtian may vendicate his part and portion therein. To you therefore belongeth this Medicinall Iemme, whoſoever that deſire to prevent contagious, and infectious maladies, to preſerve your bodies in health, ſtrength, and vigor of Nature, or to reſtore ſuch as are already infirmed with deſperate and dangerous diſeaſes. Accept then this excellent Iewell as the ſingular gift of God, and the Medicinall vertues thereof herein mentioned, for the approved experiments, of Right Honourable, and Right Worſhipfull Perſonages, many of them for their Eminencie, and height of Honour, wherewith they are rightfully ennobled, not here to be mentioned: And the reſt of ſuch worth and dignitie, that for their pietie, & learning, they are not inferior to many in the Kingdome. And although this might give ſufficient ſatisfaction to all reaſonable mindes: Nevertheleſſe, for that an undoubted Truth, feareth not to be expoſed to all examinations, whoſoever pleaſeth, ſhall have a moneths triall of them before they buy them: To the end that by the certaintie of their owne knowledge, practice, and experience, they may be fully confirmed, that the one halfe of the medicinall vertues of this Antimoniall Cup, is not herein reported unto them.

A Declaration of the moſt admirable vertues of the Antimoniall Cup.

1. IT keepeth the body from repletion and fulneſſe of humors.
2. It helpeth againſt all evill affects of the Stomacke.
3. It cureth all intermitting Agues, and burning Fevers.
4. It helpeth the ſwimming in the head, Madneſſe, & Frenzie.
5. It cureth the Greene Sickneſſe, and helpeth againſt all Obſtructions.
6. It prevents the Stone, the Gout, and the Sciatica, and other Aches.
7. It is a good Preſervative againſt all contagious and infectious Diſeaſes.
8. It cureth perfectly Morbus Gallicus, and Lues Venerea.
9. It aſſwageth the Falling Sickneſſe, and all Convulſions.
10. It deſtroyeth wormes, and maketh complexion faire.
11. It emptieth the Stomacke of ill humours: the Liver of Choler: the Spleene of Melancholy: the Pectorall parts of all hurtfull humours: The Head and the throat of flegme and rheume, and all diſtillations.
12. It reſtoreth appetite loſt: it cauſeth reſt to the ſenſes and ſleepe, and loſeth not his vertue through uſe.
13. It cureth wounds, and ſtancheth bloud.
14. It taketh away Wens, and other Excreſcenſes.
15. It cleanſeth, and healeth ulcerous Sores, and Fiſtulaes.
16. It conſumeth rotten, and putrified dead fleſh.
17. It purifieth the ſight, and conſumeth the Web and Pearle.
18. It is excellent againſt all Diſeaſes uſed in Clyſters.
19. It aſſwageth the paine of the Gout, or any other Ach, by bathing and externall application.

See the Uſe in the latter end.

Made, and are to be ſold by *Iohn Evans*, Miniſter and Preacher of Gods Word, dwelling neere Fetter-Lane, in Gun-powder Alley.

A CONFIRMATION of the Medicinall Vertues of the Antimoniall Cup. Collected out of the most famous, learned, and best approved Philosophers and Physicians, that have written thereof.

OF all the Minerals contained within the bowels of the Earth, *Antimonium* deserveth the greatest praise, for the most excellent medicinall vertues, it containeth for the health and benefit of mankinde.

It is a Minerall of a darke colour, interveined with glistering streakes, consisting according to *Paracelsus*, of Mercurie, Sulphur, and Salt. *Antimonium corpus sunm ex Mercurio assumit, estque natura Mercurii crassissima, postquam expurgatur, vires & virtutes Mercurii omnes retinet, nihilque est aliud, quam coagulatus Mercurius per spiritum Salis & Sulphur.* And therefore it is generally by all the Spagiricks called the Balsame, Restorer, and Preserver of Nature.

It was first discovered by *Geber* King of Arabia, and by him called *Magnesia*, for as the *Magnes* draweth iron unto it with the one point, and expelleth it with the other; so this magnetically extracteth to, and expelleth from the Stomack whatsoever within the whole body of man, is found to be offensive to Nature, or contrarie to the health and good constitution of the body.

It is also called *Lupus*, for that it devoureth and destroyeth all metals except the Lion, which is gold: and that it refineth and purifieth above all other things, so doth it also destroy all the corrupt humours that are within the body of man, leaving no impuritie to remaine in the same.

Basilius Valentinus Monachus, compareth it to a Ring without beginning, without ending, for that his medicinall and naturall vertues are inscrutable and past finding out.

Many are the Medicines that are prepared of this Minerall, both againſt inward and outward infirmities, but I freely and willingly diſclaime from them all, (eſpecially for Inward cauſes) ſaving onely the *Regulus*, and what may be conveniently prepared out of the ſame, ſaying with learned and conſcionable *Duncanus*, *Cætera ſciens omitto, tanquam pernitioſa medicamenta, Iatroch. Born. pag.* 91. contenting my ſelfe with that, which by the authoritie and teſtimony of the learned, and the experiments of my worthy friends, and by common practice and experience ſhall be (by Gods grace) invincibly confirmed. The firſt corner-ſtone of my building ſhall be that of *Duncanus*, confirmed alſo by laborious and learned *Milius*, *Hic Regulus eſt ſummum auri examen, ac vera omnium florum, & tinctrarum medicinalium, in Antimonio exiſtentium materia*, that is, this *Regulus* is the chiefeſt examination of gold, and the true ſubject and matter of all medicinall vertues, contained within the body of Antimony. To this agreeth the teſtimony of *Baſilius Valentinus Monachus*, calling it *Regulus, ſive Dominus medicinæ.*

Divine Authoritie, Nature, and Experience confirmeth this truth, for as life is hid in man, ſo in all things whether Animal, Vegitable, or Minerall, it is inviſibly incentred, and ſo punctually indiſcernable, that according to the learned Philoſopher *Mich. Sengivodius Polonus*, the living ſpark is only the 8100. part of any ſubject, admire then the effectuall power of that ſpaike of life mentioned in the reſembled muſtard-ſeed, and this to the underſtanding Reader, may give ſome touch, both for the univerſalitie, penetration, and perpetuation of this divine medicine.

And now having diſcovered my *Materia prima*, I will produce ſuch workmen for the erection of this little Fabrick, ſo well experienced in their profound knowledge, that though by malice and ignorance, they have beene often blamed, they could never bee ſhamed, nor juſtly reproved, and the firſt ſhall be that Orientall Star of Naturall, Spagiricall, and Magnetica'l light and knowledge, *Theophraſtus Paracelſus*. Hee in the ſixth Booke, *tit. De vita longa, pag.* 167. ſaith as followeth. *Quemadmodum Antimonium purgat Aurum, ita purgat etiam corpus, continet enim eſſentiam eam, quæ nihil impuri, relinquit in puro, nec ullus eſt uſque adeò, in ſcriptis Archidoxeos peritus, aut tam inſignis Spagyrus, qui vires & facultates Antimonii, plenè indagare queat. In prima enim Yle, Antimonium adeo exaltatum, & inter Mineras Elementi Aquæ prædeſtinatum eſt, ut facultas, & virtus ejus nullo diluvio, inſtar cæterorum aquæorum creſcentium imminuta, aut abſorpta ſit, adeòque his omnibus Antimonium longè præſtat. In prædeſtinatione illud ita ſe habet, ut ſe influentiæ accommodet, nulla facultate, aut dote ejus diminuta, aut infirmata, itaque ex omnibus mineralibus ſummi Arcani laudem optinet, hoc ſeipſum purgat, & unà ſecum etiam alia, quod ſi nihil boni in ſubjecto reperitur, impurum corpus*

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transmutat in purum, sicut de Lepra notum est, &c. Paracels. lib. 6. De vita longa, pag. 167. Like as Antimony purifieth Gold, so doth it also cleanse or purifie the body of man, it containeth that essence which will permit no uncleanneſſe to remaine in that which is pure: neither is there any one found so skilfull in the chiefe secrets of Nature, or so excellent a Spagyrick, that can finde out fully the vertues and medicinall properties of Antimony; It is so much exalted in his first Being, and appointed from the beginning to excell all other Minerals that are of the element of water, that his vertues should be and remaine without waste, or dimunition for ever: and that it should sympathize and apply to the celestiall influence, so to be perpetually sustained in full efficacie, vertue, and effect. Therefore of all Minerals it obtaineth the praise of the greatest secret, It purgeth it selfe, and together with him all other bodies, and although it findeth but little which is cleane or pure: it purifieth, cleanseth, and changeth that uncleane body to be most pure and cleane, as it is well knowne by practice and experience made upon leprous persons.

And againe, in the sixth booke, pag. 22. *Quinta essentia Antimonii venenum adimit, pulmonem enim & cor & membra læpræ subjecta mundat, cutem & corpus totum purificat, & renovat mirum in modum*: The essence of Antimony expelleth poyson, comforteth the heart, and wonderfully restoreth and purifieth the lights, and other parts of the body apt to bee infected therewith. Moreover in the 7. booke, pag. 73.

Tanta vis & virtus est in Antimonio, ut restaurat enim & renovat universas in corpore vires, ac facultates mirificè: Such and so great is the vertue of Antimony, that it wonderfully restoreth and reneweth all the strength and vigour of the whole body.

And in the eighth booke hee declareth at large the severall vertues and medicinall operations of many other excellent Vegitables and Minerals, and in the end concludeth, *Hæc junctim uno in Antimonio latent*; These that we have severally spoken of are all inclusively contained in Antimony alone.

In the sixth Booke: pag. 22. He teacheth how by their excellencie in vertue and operation, to distinguish of the prehenminence, and degrees of dignities of simples, the one above the other, saying that those that performe the more difficult and desperate cures, ought to beare away the glorie of their excelling vertue, concluding thus: *Hoc videmus accidere Antimonio, curat Leprosos, Morpheam, Alopeciam & similia, Scabies omnes, & Cicatrices, Leoninam, Elephantiam, Tiriam, &c. Et iterum, Antimonium lepram expellit, magis quam de ipso credibile sit, non secus etiam de aliis intelligendum.* This we see to happen in Antimony, it cureth leprosie, cleereth the complexion, stayeth the falling of the haire,

cureth ring-wormes, tetters, and scurvinesse of the skin, all scabs and spreading sores, and all contagious and infectious diseases. And againe afterwards, Antimony expelleth the leprosie more effectually than would bee beleeved, the like operation it hath against other desperate diseases.

And in the third Boake, pag. 343. *Antimonium nihil finit putrescere*: Antimony suffereth nothing to corrupt or putrifie within the body of man. And in the fourth Booke, pag. 265. *Ita Antimonium per transmutationes rerum preparatum est, eoque reductum ut in dulcedinem abierit, hæc ab infantibus linctu, Caducum sanavit, in Antimonio vis ac tam potens Arcanum latet, ut paroxysmum etiam vehementissimum tollit*: Antimony is so to be prepared, and brought to that sweetnesse that it may bee taken of infants, and have beene thereby cured of the falling sickenesse, there is so great vertue and power in Antimony, that it taketh away and preventeth the most extremest fits of the falling sickenesse, *Paracels. lib. 4. pag. 265.*

Furthermore, he in the sixth Booke, pag. 146. saith; *Sicut Antimonium finit Aurum, sic eadem ratione ac forma finit corpus: In illo enim est essentia, quæ nihil impuri cum puro confundi finit, atque adeò virtus permansevit, ita ut sese ex influentia semper dirigat, neque aliud de vi; ac virtute nativa unquam decesserit. Meritò igitur omnia, quæ mineralium sant, quorum summum, ac potissimum Arcanum in se claudit Antimonium, huic uni tribuimus, mundat seipsum una cum reliquis quæ immunda sunt, porrò si nihil omninò sani adest, immundum corpus in mundum transformat: Lib. 6. De vita longa, pag. 146.*

Like as Antimony refineth Gold, so also by the same reason and manner it purifieth the body of man: In it there is that essence that suffereth no impuritie nor uncleanesse to remaine confusedly intermingled amongst the pure and good, and his vertues so constantly remaineth, directing himselfe alwayes according to the heavenly influence, that of his naturall vertue and power, he shall at no time suffer losse or diminution thereof. Worthily therefore doe wee attribute to this alone, the power and vertue of all Minerals, whose chiefe and most powerfull secret effect, Antimony comprehendeth in it selfe alone, hee refineth himselfe, and purifieth together with it selfe, what hee findeth uncleane: moreover, though hee finde little or nothing sound, hee altereth and changeth that impure body to a cleane and sound constitution: *Lib. 6.* And to conclude, *Essentia Antimonii est purgatio vera, quæ purgat hominem excellentissimè super alia quævis Arcana, radicitus evellit auferendum, ac omne quod immundum est: humanum corpus in supremum usque sanationis gradum purum efficit, ac ab omnibus ægritudinibus mundat, etiam illis ex quibus oriuntur ulcera; quicquid penes hominem fuerit impuri delet.*

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The essence of Antimony is a true and naturall purge, which purgeth a man most excellently above all other secrets, it utterly taketh away by the root whatsoever is foule, unwholsome, and ought to be removed, and reduceth the body of man to the highest degree of perfect health, and cleanseth from all manner infirmities and diseases, even from those that are the originall and fountaine of ulcerous and dangerous diseases, it fully and freely removeth all corrupt and impure humours, that might lye lurking within any part of the body of man. Thus farre *Paracelsus* in his lesser Chyrurgerie, *pag.* 323.

My second testimony shall bee *Martinus Rulandus*, a man of sound judgement, great practice and experience, he called the infusion of this Cup his *Aqua Benedicta*, In the 5. Cent. and the 95. Cure he saith thus. *Communi opinione Hermeticorum receptum est, Magnesiam Saturni, quam aiunt esse Antimonium, existere Ens, & radicem omnium metallorum, ex Regulo hujus Antimonii vasculum formetur ad usum medicinale satis aptum, mirabile & idoneum semper permanens citra ponderis sui viriumque amissionem.*

It is received by the consent and common opinion of all Hermeticall Philosophers, that the Magnesia of *Saturne*, which they call Antimony, is the originall and beginning of all metals. Of the *Regulus* of this Antimony there is made a little vessell or cup verie admirable, fit and effectuall for his medicinall vertues, alwayes remaining in force without losse of waight and vertue: the Infusion of this Cup he calleth his *Aqua benedicta*, which he alwayes, (*cum maxima aegrotorum salute, in omnibus morbis vulgo etiam incurabilibus*,) used with good successe, and the restitution of the health of his patients, yea also in such diseases as were commonly reputed to bee incurable. And in another place hee saith; *Mirificas possidet virtutes in tota bene medendi ratione, &c.* It containeth admirable vertues fit to be used in all sound and perfect medicinall cures, 1. It cleanseth the stomack: 2. Purgeth the head: 3. Preventeth the Lethargie, Swimming, and Vertigo: 4. Cureth frensie and madnesse: 5. Preventeth, and many times cureth the falling sickneſse. 6. It cureth an inveterated cough and hoarsnesse, although it bee of long continuance: 7. Cleareth the winde-pipe and passage from the lungs and so helpeth such as are short-winded: 8. It cureth the Squinancie or stopping in the throat: 9. It openeth, purgeth, and healeth all Impostumes in the lungs: 10. Restoreth the stomack, and expelleth all evill affects of the same: 11. Preventeth and cureth the Pleurisie: 12. Cureth deepe melancholy and madnesse, cheeres up the heart and vitall spirits: 13. Cureth the Hypochondriaca or windy melancholy: 14. And is of excelling vertue against all manner of Fevers and Agues: 15. It prevents the infection of the plague, or other contagious diseases: 16. It preserveth

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from the Gout, and everie kinde and ſpecies thereof: 17. It purifieth the bloud, cleanſeth the whole body: 18. Diſſipateth and bringeth away congealed or clotted bloud, or any other corrupt matter: 19. Deſtroyeth and expelleth all manner of wormes: 20. Cureth *Morbus Gallicus*, and *Lues venerea*: 21. It prevaileth againſt the yellow Jaundiſe and all overflowings of the gall: 22. It openeth and cleanſeth all manner of obſtructions, it is ſaith *Rulandus*, *Medicina medicinarum*, the Medicine of Medicines, good, healthfull, and profitable to be uſed againſt all manner of diſeaſes and infirmities whatſoever, this much and much more *Mar. Rulandus* affirmeth upon his experience and knowledge whereof read more, *Ruland.* Cent. 5. Cur. 95. and Cent 9. cap. 51. *Quercitan* confirmeth everie particular hereof, and reciteth many other experiments of his owne practice. See *Pharm. reſtituta Quercitani*, pag. 345. and againe *pag.* 238.

Martinus Rulandus affirmavit ſe, ſua aqua benedicta. i. Infuſione Regul. Antimonii, centies felicisſimo ſucceſſu, luem veneream curaſſe: that is, *Rulandus* affirmeth, that he (with his bleſſed water which is the infuſed liquor in the Antimoniall Cup) hath perfectly cured the French Pox and running of the reines an hundred times, with happie and good ſucceſſe. This reciteth *Quercitan*, out of *Martinus Rulandus*.

In the third place I will produce *Quercitan* himſelfe, *Aqua benedicta Antimonii, Inſignes enim, & mirandas edit effectus, blandè provocat vomitum, & quatuor vel quinque ſedes, evacuando per ſuperiora & inferiora ſimul, quod vix præſtabit aliud remedium, uſurpatur etiam fœliciſſime, ad omnis generis febres, etiam peſtiferas: pleuritides item, aliaſque deploratiſſimos affectus, qui ob radices profundius, validiuſque infixas, vix ſubigi & edomari poſſunt: Vid. Quer. Pharm. reſt.* 238.

The bleſſed water or infuſion of the Antimoniall Cup, performeth moſt excellent and wonderfull effects, it gently procureth vomit, and foure or five ſtooles, purging both upwards and downewards together which hardly any other medicine will doe: it is adminiſtred verie ſucceſſefully againſt all kinde of Fevers, although they be peſtilent and infectious, alſo againſt the Pleuriſie, and againſt all other deplored and deſperate diſeaſes, which are ſo ſtrongly confirmed, and deeply rooted that they cannot be over-maſtered any other way, or by any other medicines. Thus far *Quercitan* in his *Pharmacop.* reſt. pag. 238.

Fourthly, this truth ſhall be further confirmed by the teſtimonies of that excellent and learned Doctor of Phyſick and Philoſophie, that wrote out of his owne experience and manuall practice, *Baſilica Antimonii*, in the 22. and 23. page he ſaith.

Antimonium eſt laudabile, & ſingulare Peſtis preſervativum, in Hydrope Lue peſtifera, & gallica, in Obſtructionibus hepatis, & Lyenis, Ictero, Lepr

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que speciebus omnibus, medicamen est speciale, & admirabile, ad arti-
rum gravitatem à Podagra vel Lue venerea relictam commendatur, in
posa sanguificatione in Cachexia, & Lepra laudatur, Catarrhos cer, &
nones ferientes, cum summo successu exhaurit, & ex hoc celeberrima aqua
almica paratur, ad nubeculas & suffusiones commendatur, & ad pur-
gia Enemeta cum bono, & fœlici successu recipitur, curat omnes obstru-
nes viscerum, à quartana & tertiana liberat, in Anasarca commendabi-
existit, sanguinis est depurativum, Lepræ, Epilepsiæ, & Podagræ unicum
servativum That is,

Antimony is a laudable and singular preservative against the plague, it is a speciall and an admirable medicine against the Dropsie, the running of the Reines, and the French Pox, against all obstructions of the Liver or the Spleene, against the intollerable paine of the Arteries and the Joynts, proceeding from the infection of the Pox, it is much commended and praised to purifie and cleanse the bloud against the Leprosie and the evill estate of the body: It dryeth up all rheumes and distillations that offend the heart or corrupt the lungs: and of this infusion is made a most excellent medicine for the eyes: it is also administred with good and happie successe for purging Clisters, it cureth all obstructions of the inward parts; it delivereth from the tertian and quartan fevers, it is commended against the Dropsie Anasarca, it is the best purifier of the bloud, and is the chiefest, and only preservative against the Leprosie, the Epilepsie, and the Gout. *Pag.* 22, 23. *usque ad* 30.

And againe, the same Author in his *Basilica Antimonii, pag.* 39, 40, &c. saith thus; *Antimonium, Naturam confortando, sudores movendo, sanguinemque depurando, tantum inimicissimis humanæ vitæ hostibus bellum indixit, ut neque Hydrops, neque Podagra, Arthritis, Gallica Lues, Lepra, & hisce affines morbi, contra talem medicinam quicquid moliri ausint:* Antimony by comforting Nature, by procuring sweat, and by purifying of the bloud, wageth such warre against the most cruell enemies of mans life, that neither the Dropsie, nor the Gout, nor the *Morbus*, nor the Leprosie, can any thing at all withstand the effectuall vertue of his medicine, *pag.* 39. And againe, *Antimonium, diaphoreticum est utilissimum, quod vires conservando sudores movet, in peste & febribus sursum & deorsum movendo purgat, in Hydrope maxime Arcanum:* Antimony is a most profitable sweat-procuring medicine, which by preserving the naturall strength procureth sweat, and purgeth away the infection of the plague and pestilentiall fever by purging the body both upwards and downewards. *Ad capitis affectus singulare remedium:* It is a singular remedy against all evill affects of the head Moreover, in the 43. page hee saith, *Antimonium per vomitum, venenum recenter assumptum, citissime ejicitur, in febribus, & capitis doloribus utiliter exhibitur, omnem Epilepsiæ fomitem*

excernit,

externit, & horribilem istum affectum, & hostem vitæque humanæ tortor omninò expellit, & eradicat, omnem vitiosam colluviem per vomitum, alvum expellit: pag.43.

Antimony by vomit expelleth poyson speedily, if lately taken, it given verie profitably against all fevers and infirmities of the head, sifteth out the unwholsome matter of the falling-sickneſſe, and utter expelleth this cruell torture, and adverſe enemy to the life and heal of mankinde, alſo it driveth out by vomit and ſiedge all filthy corru tion and impuritie out of the body of man.

Furthermore in the 46. page, he ſaith, *Antimonium febres curat, à p tredine præſervat, ciborum appetentiam excitat, ventriculum conſtringen confortat, omnemque calorem præter Naturam, in corpore humano ortum t tinguit, epilepſiam curat, calculum frangit, lumbricos enecat, menſes & ur nam movet, dolores etiam podagricos extrinſecus adhibita mulcet, & mul alia in medicina præſtat, dentium dolorem ſiſtit, Balſamum vitæ inſtaura ſanguinem purificat, obſtructiones reſerat, nunquam anheloſos & aſthmatic deſerit, ſummum ſanguinis mundificativum, calculum renum & veſicæ fra git & expellit, urinam & ſudores movet, ulcera, fiſtulas, & vulnera à pu tredine conſervat & ſanat.*

Antimony cureth fevers, preſerveth from putrefaction, procureth ap petite, comforteth the ſtomack, allayeth all immoderate, & unnatural heat, cureth the falling ſickneſſe, breaketh the ſtone, killeth worme procureth urine, and the monthly flowers, aſſwageth the paines of th Gout by bathing with the infuſion and externall application, and hat many other medicinall vertues, ſtayeth the paine of the teeth, reſtoreth the Balſame and ſtrength of Nature, purifieth the bloud, openeth ob ſtructions, forſaketh not to comfort and help the Aſthmaticall, and ſuch as are ſhort-winded, is the chiefe cleanſer & purifier of the bloud, it brea keth & expelleth the ſtone, whether it be of the Reines or of the Blad der, it procureth urine and ſweat, cureth perfectly ulcers, fiſtula's, and wounds, and preſerveth them from corruption and putrefaction. *Baſilic Antimonii, pag.47,48,49.*

I may not omit the teſtimony of that excellent Phyſitian *Oſwald Crollius* Phyſitian to the Prince of Anhalt, who in his *Baſilica Chimica pag.214.* ſaith thus: *Antimonium operatur mirabilia in peſte, in febribus acutis, in Mania, in delirio, in dementiis, faſcinationibus, morbis omnibus in univerſum opitulatur, epilepſiis & aliis quamplurimis morbis adjuvat per alvum, per ſuperiora, per poros, per inſenſibilem tranſpirationem, noxia copioſe expurgat.* Antimony doth wonderfull things in the preſervation from the plague, in ſharp fevers, againſt madneſſe, forgetfulneſſe, di ſtractions, witchcrafts, it helpeth in generall againſt all diſeaſes, comfor teth againſt the falling evill, and many other deſperate diſeaſes.

And againe in the 216. page he saith; *Mirabilia operatur in Peste, quartana, hydrope, longis obstirmatis morbis, diuturnis putridis febribus, cachexia, melancholia, insania, delirio. venenorum haustorum symptomatibus*; It worketh wonderfull effects against the Plague, the Quartan Ague, the Dropsie, and against inveterate and confirmed diseases, and against continuall, rotten, and corrupt fevers, against the leprosie, and foule spots of the skin, against melancholy, madnesse, dotage, forgetfulnesse, and all evill qualities of poysons and venomous things: And concludeth in the 219. page, *Non datur melius catharticum*: A better purging medicine cannot be given.

I will conclude this Discourse with the authoritie and testimony of *Mylius*, and *Duncanus Bornetus Iatrochimia, Dun. p. 93.*

Antimonium est præstantissimum, & nunquam satis laudatum medicamentum, ad restaurationem & renovationem corporis humani, tinctura enim illa expurgat atrum sanguinem, & vitiosos quosque humores, idque cum evacuatione manifesta, & prævorum humorum correctione, hepatis obstructionibus opitulatur, hydropem discutit, ictteritiam curat, læticiam generat, leprosis sanitatem restituit, & est præstantissimus ad pulmones Balsamus: estque efficax ad Lucm venereum curandam, medicamentum. Maximum enim pro lepra Arcanum est, quo nihil fere in hoc morbo præstantius inveniri potest: Lienem rectificat, matricis dolorem sedat, menses movet, ejusque vigorem conservat, Morphæam curat, Scorbuto medetur, bilem utramque expellit ex toto corpore, calculos frangit, caput & cerebrum expurgat, epilepsiæ & convulsionibus omnibus medetur: & ut brevibus dicam in deploratissimis morbis fere omnibus summum est remedium: That is,

Antimony is a most excellent and never-sufficiently praised medicine; for the restauration and renovation of the body of man, the infusion or tincture thereof purgeth blacke bloud and choller, and everie corrupt humour, and that both by manifest evacuation and correction of evill humours: it helpeth against all obstructions of the Liver, and of the Spleene, dispersеth the Dropsie, cureth the Jaundise, procureth cheerefulnesse and gladnesse of the heart, restoreth the Leprous to perfect health, and is the best preservative of the lungs: it is a perfect & an effectuall cure for *Morbus Gallicus*, and the chiefest secret against Leprosie, for that no thing is found to be more excellent against that foule disease, it rectifieth the Spleene, asswageth the griefes of the Mother, procureth the monethly tearmes, preserveth and encreaseth Nature in strength, cureth the Morphew, healeth the Scurvie, expelleth both blacke and yellow choller out of the body, breaketh and expelleth the stone: purgeth the head and braine, helpeth against the falling sicknesse and all convulsions: and to conclude, it is a chiefe and an excellent medicine against all desperate and dangerous diseases. Thus farre *Duncanus*.

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To the end that it may apparantly, and without contradiction be manifest to all, that these collections and testimonies grounded upon knowledge, practice and experience, and all the afore-mentioned Medicins vertues, are truly and really appropriate to the use and vertue of the Antimoniall Cup, being rightly prepared and made of the pure Essence and *Regulus* of Antimony, I will conclude with the testimony of *Milius* and *Duncanus* in these words: *Regulus Antimonii, est summum Auri examen ac vera omnium florum, & tincturarum medicinalium, in Antimonio existentium materia Iatrochim. Dunc. pag.* 91. The *Regulus* of Antimony is the best and chiefest examination of gold, it is the true matter and subject of all medicinall vertues, properties, and qualities contained within the body of Antimony.

Such as desire to be further satisfied may read,

Basilica Antimonii.
Basilica Chimica Mylii.
Anatomia Antimonii.
Basilica Chymica Crollii.
Rulandus at large.
Quercitanus.
Iatrochimica Duncan.
Tyr. Ch. Beguin.
Curriculum Chymicum.

The manner how to make use of the Antimonial Cup.

TAke a well-glased earthen pot, and put this Cup therein, and powre within and round about it, as much Claret wine, or White wine. Muscadell (or Malmesey if it may be gotten, for it is best of all) or else Ale, and let it stand so warme as you may well endure your finger in one houre or more, and let it be kept reasonable warme, at the same neere the same degree of warmnesse by the fire close covered in the hole, by the space of twelve houres: and afterwards a Cupfull or more taken fasting in the morning, purgeth the body from whatsoever is offensive to Nature; the operation is gentle and without any violence or danger, as hath beene oftentimes proved: let them governe themselves as after other Physick.

By the quantitie and proportion of Wine or Ale (a pint for two, or for three) you may prepare for as many as you please at one time: but prepare no more than you will spend that morning, for by standing it altereth his qualitie and nature.

For the manner of the operation, it is difficult to fore-know, for it operateth according as it is most convenient and necessarie for the present estate and constitution of the body, sometimes and in some constitutions, it operateth by Vomit alone, in some others by Siedge alone, in others by urine and sweat, but most commonly it worketh all these waies, yet without violence or danger.

If you desire it should operate rather by Siedge, you must use Ale, or Malmesey which is best, or else Muscadell: for white and Claret wines, are more apt for vomits of their owne selfe naturall properties: Some use to drinke posset drinke, to hasten and facilitate the operation which you may doe, but I rather approve the operation of it alone, for then you shall better see and judge what offendeth your body, by that which Nature will expell; if you finde not your selfe afterwards more hungrie, lively, and cheerfull, beleeve me not.

You are to observe that according to the qualitie of the heat, the continuance of the infusion, and the quantitie you give, you may make it fit for any, from the tender infant, to the strongest constitution.

Give to women and children halfe a cupfull or a cupfull acoording to the age and strength: if it worke not effectually to your liking, you must make it hotter, and drinke more the next time.

To prevent sickneſſe, once or twice in the Spring and Autumne, or once in a moneth will be sufficient, for ordinarie infirmities, take it three times, leaving a day or two betwixt, but for confirmed diseases it should be taken as often as it worketh, for when it hath vanquished and expelled the enemies of Nature, and prevailed against all the impurities of the body, it is at peace with all that is pure and good, and then will it

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work no more, & thereby you may be well assured that you are perfect well, and this I do affirme upon mine owne knowledge, practice and experience to be true, & if any man make doubt of the waste & diminution of the medicinall vertues of this Cup through use, let them bee assured they will never decay; for testimony whereof I have made continuall use of one Cup for above three yeeres past, and I finde it more effectuall everie time than other: and the Right Worshipfull Sir *Thomas Middleton* Knight hath made more experience hereof, and I am certaine will be ready and forward to confirme the same. When you have made use of this Cup: drie it with a faire cloth, and so put it up safe into his box: for by washing it unheedfully or scouring it you may waste the metall, or breake the Cup: for it is brittle like glasse, but if any such mischance do happen let them reserve the metall, & bring it to me in weight, & without any commixture, and for ten shillings I will give them a new Cup.

And if any through ignorance, or malice, or such others that regard their particular lucre and profit more than the health and generall good of their Christian brethren, shall unjustly report that this Antimoniall Cup is either counterfet, and of verie little or no vertue at all, or otherwise dangerous, pernicious, and hurtfull, as being composed of *Mercuries* and Poisons, and the like; as for the vertue and continuance, it hath been already sufficiently proved: To prevent the calumny of the slanderer though it be an Herculean labour, yet to preserve my reputation immaculate, as much as in me lyeth, I doe confesse unto you really, it is made of the Mercurie of Antimony, which is the pure spirit, soule, and life of the Minerall, refined, separated, and prepared from all impurities with much diligence, care, labour, and charges, but that it containeth any of that *Mercury* which is common Quicksilver, or *Mercury* sublimate, which is made of Quicksilver and poysonfull Arsenick, or else *Mercury* precipitate, which is also made of Quicksilver, and the Corrosive *Aqua-fortis* or *Regis*: I doe sincerely and truly protest in the faithfull word of a Minister and Preacher of the sacred Gospell of the Lord Jesus Christ, there is none of these contained in any that I make, neither any thing else, but what I am perswaded in my conscience, and have found by experience upon my selfe, my friends, my neighbours, and mine owne children, to bee for the health, good, and benefit of the body of man, and this I confirme to be the sincere truth, as I shall answer to the Lord Jesus at the latter day: And so I conclude, and commend it and you to the blessing of our Great, Glorious, and Eternall God, to whom together with his true and only Sonne, and the most holy and blessed Spirit, three powerfull Persons, but one immortall God, bee given and rendred by all his creatures, all honour, praise, and glorie, world without end. *Amen.*

FINIS.